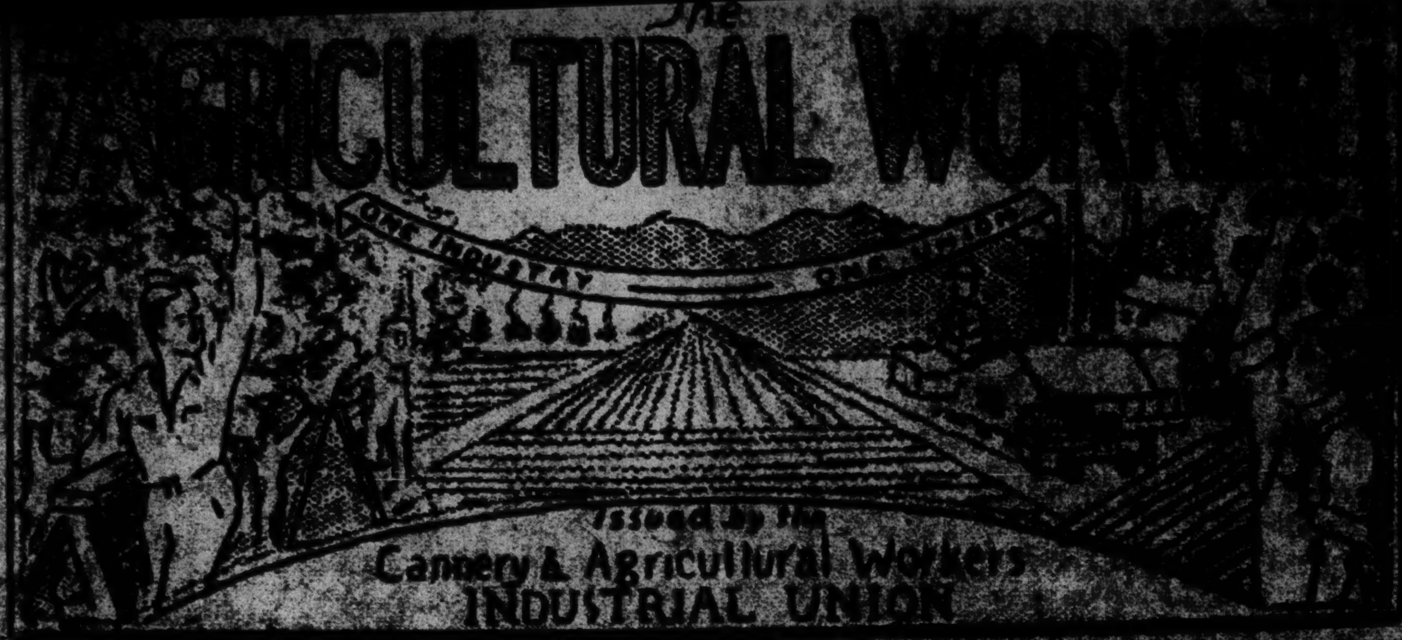

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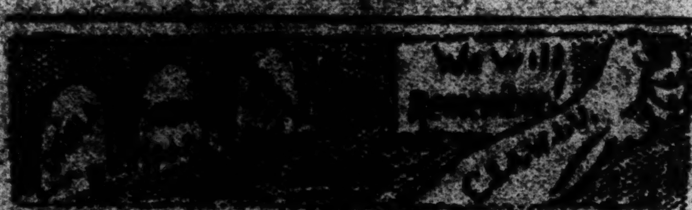
6 RANCHERS WHITEWASHED OF MURDER!
(Editorial)



Law and order has again been restored to peaceful San Joaquin Valley.

The integrity and impartiality of the Court has been upheld — there are no bloodstains on the lily-white hands of the Court. Ranchers armed themselves, took the law into their own hands, went out and MURDERED! Now they are acquitted — declared innocent! They are WHITE-WASHED by the COURT that UPHOLDS the RIGHT of the RICH to murder and kill to maintain their profits.

When Pat Chambers lay in jail under ten thousand dollars bond guilty of no crime save that of fighting side by side with the workers, Dist. Attorney Haight of Visalia, propositioned Pat. He said — "if you will not push the charges against the ranchers, I will dismiss your case". Pat said — "go to hell"!

It was only thru the organized strength of the workers in this state demanding DEATH PENALTY TO THE MURDERERS, that forced the case even into Court. But

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DOROTHY RAY WRITES FROM IMPERIAL VALLEY JAIL

El Centro, Feb. 1st: Dear Comrades:

I appreciated your letter and the greetings from the C. & A.W.I.U. It's amazing the strong sense of solidarity one feels upon receiving such greetings. You know, of course, the

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DISTRICT COMMITTEE MAKES IMPORTANT DECISIONS

At the last meeting, [illegible] the District Committee [illegible] made important decisions [illegible] all hope will serve to strengthen our work and organization.

The opening report was made by [illegible] Decker pointing out that in [illegible] season the membership [illegible] jumped from only a few [illegible] to over 20,000. That [illegible] militant strikes [illegible] were [illegible] by the Union [illegible] more than 20,[illegible] workers [illegible] our Union and support it.

Comrade Decker pointed out that we are again entering [illegible] the agricultural season, and that every Local and every Union member [illegible] discuss and digest the mistakes, experiences and good points in the past season's activities of the Union.

Although the Farm Bureau are reported as holding conferences over the question of wages, Union and non-Union

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Piscadero Strike
WINS UNION RECOGNITION

Piscadero, Feb. 1st: The just ended strike of 150 Filipino sprout pickers in Piscadero adds another victory in the form of winning 22½¢ an hour instead of 20¢, and the important point of recognition of the C. & A.W.I.U.

The demands were settled at a meeting of farmers and strikers. The representative for the Bay Shore Land Co. which has large land holdings here, tried to put up a bold front and antagonize the small Italian and Japanese farmers against the strikers.

However, Val Ordones, president of the Piscadero Local pointed out that the strikers were not enemies of the poor farmers, but the robber of both worker and small farmer were the big bosses like the Bay Shore Land Co. representative. The farmers were exceptionally impressed with the militant

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RANCHERS WHITEWASHED

- these were RANCHERS! These were respectable citizens! These were BOSSES, not miserable black and white and yellow workers. The Court could not convict them. The Court is supported by them controlled by them. In fact, the Courts exist for one main purpose -to DISPENSE BOSS-CLASS JUSTICE!

Now with the acquittal of the ranchers the Dist. Atty. does not dare go ahead with Pat's case. He wrote the International Labor Defense that he will drop the case. And besides, his righteous, justice-loving brethern in Imperial Valley now have Pat on a vicious frame-up of riot, rout and disturbing the peace. Again only mass protest will group Pat and the other comrades in the Valley from their dirty clutches. Send resolutions and telegrams to the District Attorney at El Centro, Calif. demanding immediate unconditional release of all Imperial Valley strikers.

The boss-courts are not interested in beheading murderers -- they are interested in beheading the militant organization of the workers by jailing, third degree methods and white-washing boss murderers. The blood of Orvile, Hernandez and Subia lies black on their hands, lies hot in the Heart of every militant worker. WE WILL REMEMBER!

DOROTHY RAY WRITES FROM JAIL

headquarters and strongest part of the strike was in Brawley. The first day our picket lines pulled out about 200 workers. The El Centro section had their first arrests near Holtville where Elaine Fuller and two other workers were arrested. From then on terror in all sections of the valley came fast. Whole picket lines were arrested, tear gas thrown. In practically all cases the workers were on the highways when arrests were made within their "legal" rights. The "legal" terror (that is, done by bulls) was, I believe, worse than any previous strike. Despite terror picketing went on till the last day.

After the raid, one of the strongest signs of solidarity was shown by the Mexican workers across the border in Mexicali. Meetings were held there nightly, a hall donated, relief given.

Although we had many weaknesses in the strike, such solidarity and militancy as shown by the strikers is hard to beat: and we have gained wage increases up to 25¢ and 30¢ and hour.

Regards to all comrades!

Dorothy Ray

DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORT

workers already report such wages as 15¢ an hour to be paid for peas, spinach, etc., and 30¢ in the canneries.

With the value of the dollar dropped to half, and the cost of living rising every day, it is clear that we are facing starvation wages again, which will mean more militant strikes in order to get living conditions.

The report continued pointing out the wage increases we won thru organization last season, and now we must whip our whole organization into shape proper functioning District and Section Committees, Locals and Ranch, Shed and Cannery Committees, in order to be able to give leadership to the coming struggles in our industry.

District Committee representatives from the Sections of Tulare, Sacramento Monterey, San Jose and Oakland discussed the report and unanimously adopted the following decisions:

1-That the District Office of the Union shall be moved to Sacramento. This decision was made as the unanimous opinion of the District Committee that having the office in Sacramento, the heart of the agricultural industry, would enable the District Exec and Dist. Committee to give stronger guidance to Sections and Locals.

2-That the Second Annual Convention of the union shall be held on April 7th and 8th, in Sacramento.

3-That all Section Committees shall immediately work out plans for holding Section Conferences to elect delegates. Dates should be set between March 15th and April 4th

4-That all Section and Local Organizers and Secretaries shall take steps to raise the 2¢ tax per month per employed member, for the Trade Union Unity League and forward same to C.&A.W.I.U. District.

5-In order that the Union shall really fit itself to the needs of all the workers in the industry and give better leadership, the following set of motions were adopted:

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PISCADERO WINS UNION RECOGNITION

determined manner in which the strike was conducted in spite of a number of arrests and threats of eviction by the constable (who also happens to be representative for a large land company).

As a result of this meeting, the farmers signed a contract for sprouts lasting to May 15th, and have asked that the C.&A.W.I.U. meet with them before we do anything about the coming crop of peas

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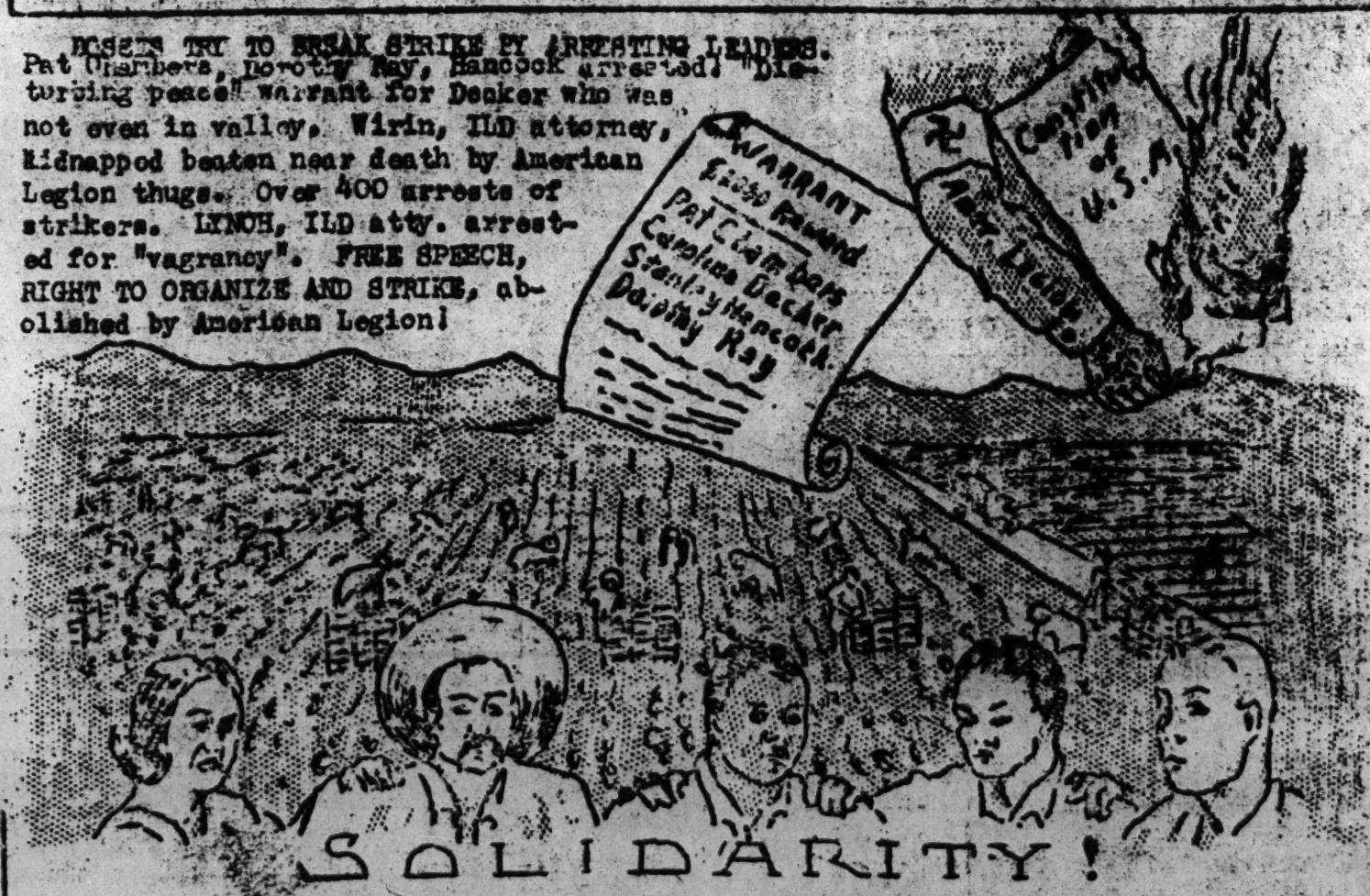
ABOLISH
Contract System

PICTORIAL REVIEW
Imperial Valley Strike – Jan. 1934

JANUARY 8th, 1934! 5000 lettuce pickers under the leadership of the C. & A.W.I. strike against 10-20¢ hour. Demand 35¢ and 55¢, recognition of their Union.

TOOLS OF THE BOSSES! Oswald, captain of motor patrol says -"settle strike with clubs"! Headquarters, typewriters smashed! Whole picket lines arrested. Women strangled by tear gas -ONE BABY DEAD! L.A. Times, Jan. 16th -"vigilantes are Legionaires"

BOSSES TRY TO BREAK STRIKE BY ARRESTING LEADERS. Pat Chambers, Dorothy Ray, Hancock arrested! "Disturbing peace" warrant for Decker who was not even in valley. Wirin, ILD attorney, kidnapped beaten near death by American Legion thugs. Over 400 arrests of strikers. LYNCH, ILD atty. arrested for "vagrancy". FREE SPEECH, RIGHT TO ORGANIZE AND STRIKE, abolished by American Legion!



SOLIDARITY!

THE STRIKE GOES ON! Mexican workers across the border come with help, use of halls, relief. Workers STICK! Union GROWS! Timothy Reardon, State Labor Commission Dept. faker "discovers" RED UNION LEADS STRIKE. Says -workers satisfied with 10¢ - reds cause trouble! Frank McDonald, same dept. says—"I will mediate — IF you go back to work". STRIKE GOES ON! Joaquin Terrazas, Mexican Consul urges workers to plead "guilty". Workers refuse! Strike called off for more organization. SOLIDARITY WINS INCREASES MANY FIELDS UP TO 30¢ AN HOUR! WE BUILD OUR UNION!

DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORT
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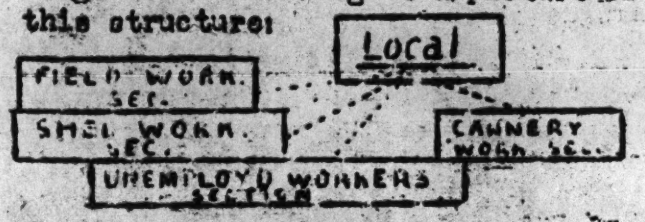
a-That every Local shall take steps to establish Sections of the workers in each phase of the industry, that is: Field Workers Section, Cannery Workers Section, Shed Workers Section, Unemployed Workers Section, etc. The diagram below will give a picture of this structure:



b-Each Section shall meet weekly and have its own chairman.

c-All Sections shall meet together in their Local bi-monthly. The combined meetings of all these Sections shall be the closed Local meeting. All Communications, dues payments, etc., shall be on the regular order of business of the Local. The Local shall be the place where the activity and work of the Sections are combined and unified.

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

December-Income

Books and stamps	11.25
Charters, elections, etc.	15.19
Contributions	77.50
Miscellaneous	4.00
TOTAL INCOME	$107.94

December -Expense

Bulletin 1st edition	23.01
Office, charters, etc.	15.18
Payment multigraph	30.00
Wages	17.50
car repairs, org. work, etc.	11.67
TOTAL EXPENSE	$ 97.28
CASH BALANCE	10.66
	$107.94

January-Income

Books and stamps	16.10
Contributions	21.00
Bulletin receipts	4.65
Charter	2.60
Miscellaneous	1.13
TOTAL INCOME	$44.88
December Balance	10.66
	$55.54

January -Expense

Bulletin	8.25
car repairs, license, org.	16.55
Office, postage, etc.	10.11
Wages	13.00
Miscellaneous	1.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	$48.91
BALANCE	6.63
	$55.54

ATTENTION!

All Secretaries note that the above statement shows in black and white a weakness --NO DUES PAYING MEMBERSHIP! Comrade Secretaries, check up on your membership. EVERY UNION MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING! HAVE YOU GOT YOUR NEW 1934 BOOK? ARE YOU PREPARING FOR THE 2nd ANNUAL CONVENTION BY PAYING UP YOUR DUES?

ORANGE STRIKE CALLED OFF
Some Gains

San Bernadino: The strike of over 500 orange pickers and packers beginning the 17th of January and lasting for two weeks, had to be called off.

Strikers were demanding: a-60¢ an hour for packers and pickers. b- slippers and transportation to be furnished by the packing houses. c-abolition of contractors. d-5 hour day minimum, 8 hour day maximum. e-Recognition of CAWIU.

The workers in the Mexican Confederation of Labor voted to make a united front with our union and carried thru their agreement in the whole strike. The AF of L did not make a united front, but the workers in the union did not scab and many joined our Union.

Hundreds of armed Legionaires and deputies carried thru a reign of brutal terror against the workers. Eight comrades are in jail in Riverside and two in San Bernadino. Altho we weren't permitted to carry placards, many comrades painted slogans on their clothes.

The Strike Committee has analyzed the strike with the following reasons for having to call it off.

1-THE STRIKE WAS CALLED TOO SOON.
2-WE WERE NOT PREPARED FOR THE STRIKE
3-NO DEFENCE COMMITTEES WERE SET UP
4-NO RELIEF COMMITTEES WERE SET UP
5-NO FINANCE COMMITTEE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR LEAFLETS AND TRANSPORTATION
6-CENTRAL STRIKE COMMITTEE WAS POORLY ORGANIZED
7-NO REPRESENTATION FROM PACKING HOUSES AND OR CHARDS
8-DID NOT CONDUCT MILITANT MASS PICKET LINES

There is a solid foundation for a strong union in this territory and we have adopted the following tasks:

1-TO ESTABLISH LOCALS IN EVERY TOWN WITH REGULAR MEETINGS
2-TO DISCUSS IN EVERY LOCAL OUR MISTAKES AND STUDY STRIKE STRATEGY.
3-TO ORGANIZE THE PACKING HOUSE WORKERS, WOMEN, GIRLS, AMERICAN, MEXICAN
4-TO BEWARE OF STOOL PIGEONS AND PROVACATEURS. THEY ARE PAID BY THE BIG CORPORATIONS AND RICH FARMERS.

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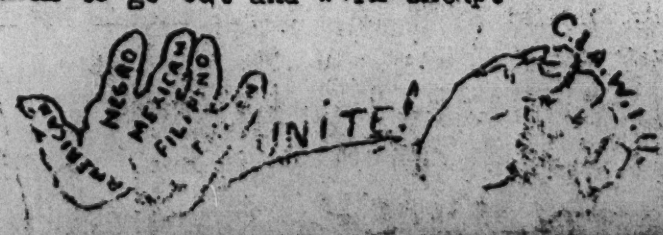
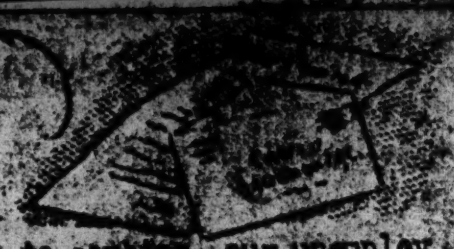
FILIPINO UNION PROVIDES CHEAP LABOR

Delano: All comrades are up in the air over the Filipinos working cheap in grape pruning. They have a fake union there for Filipinos only, called Corregidor, started by Filipino contractors in Salinas.

This fake union wont let the Filipino workers come to our meetings, and tell them to go out and work cheap.



MONTH REPORT BRIEFS
by Section Organizers.



Bakersfield

Dear Comrades: We want to call your attention to the Union charters. Our Locals have sent their $2 weeks ago and have not received them. (LOS ANGELES COMRADES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR HOLD UP ON CHARTERS. Steps being taken to correct it)

Just a few lines to let you know about the unemployed work we have begun here. Many of our C&AWIU members were at an open mass meeting arranged by a bunch of fakers to organize a fake organization known as the Citizens League. We had our heavy artillery there that night and outlined how the C&AWIU and the Unemployed Council fight for relief, and what the U. C. is fighting for all over the country.

After the speaking we had quite a debate with the fakers as to the name it should be called. So finally we forethe chairman to leave it up to the people present to name it. Here's how it took place. Chairman-"All in favor of naming this new organization Unemployed Council, stand up". All of them stood up with loud applause. "All that's not in favor to carry that name" ---NONE! (Fakers sneak out)

We are all working hard to straighten out the Locals. Many of the members are new in any revolutionary trade union, and some for the first time in their lives ever belonged to any organization. The boss class threw the red scare into them and it took a lot of teaching to straigthen them out.

We have elected Relief Committees in every Local in the county. On Jan. 10th we had a successful country relief conference to lay out plans for winning relief. We now started the wheels rolling once again and are going to keep them rolling for we sure are finding destitution every day, whichever way we turn.

We have taken many cases to the relief agency, with good results, but had to put up a stiff combat. On Jan. 2nd, the International Labor Defense held a Kern County Conference and the C&AWIU had a good representation. We have a defense committee in every Local.

Henry Mitchell

Sacramento

Dear Comrades: We cannot give you now full reports on our Section. But here's what we have: For the past season we recruited only 649 new members, and only 302 in good standing.

Much of our poor work is due to the fact that we recently had a change in Section Organizers. The Section Committee and Buro are not functioning, so good yet, but we have delegates to it from Modesto, Oakley, Chico, Vacaville, Sacramento and Stockton.

We are trying to combine our unemployed work with that of the Unemployed Council and Hunger Fighters.

Asparagus is the next big crop in this Section and wages are going to be starvation level again. The asparagus workers are organizing into our Union. We are sending out Field Organizer to help them set up Rank Committees.

Frank Nunata, Sec'y.

San Bernardino

Dear Comrades: We held a Section Committee meeting in Los Angeles to decide how we could work best. We feel that the best way to work here is to set up a Section apart from L. A. In this way all of our members will feel the need for leadership, and we can thereby develop leadership from new forces.

We have a united front with the rank & file workers in the Mexican Confederation of Labor in San Bernadino, Highlands and Redmore. The AFofL Local president in Redlands came to us on a united front proposal and asked us to come to their meeting. The AFofL Local has very little influence and is trying to gain some. When our comrades came to their meeting and tried to get the floor they were ejected from the hall. Indeed eiatley half the workers got disgusted and left the hall.

We are making headway with the packing house workers who come to our meetings.

Dorothy Zadow

San Jose
CHALLENGES ALL SECTIONS!

Dear Comrades: Although this section has done good work during the Fo a, Cherry and Pear strikes, we have only one or two functioning Locals now.

We're going to pick up, and are offering some working class competition. The first Section that gets the following, will get a C&AWIU banner from San Jose:

1-FUNCTIONING SECTION COMMITTEE
2-ESTABLISHES THE FIELD, SHED and CANNERY SECTIONS IN EACH LOCAL
3-500 PAID UP MEMBERS WITH 1934 BOOKS IN THE SECTION.

The competition to last from February 20th, to April 15th. We're in the race now, so lets go for the BANNER!

Tony Montes

FALK EXPELLED FROM C.&A.W.I.U.

TO ALL C&AWIU SECTIONS AND LOCAL
TO ALL WORKERS ORGANIZATIONS:

You are hereby notified that Bill Falk, formerly of Lindsay, and now in the citrus area around High-

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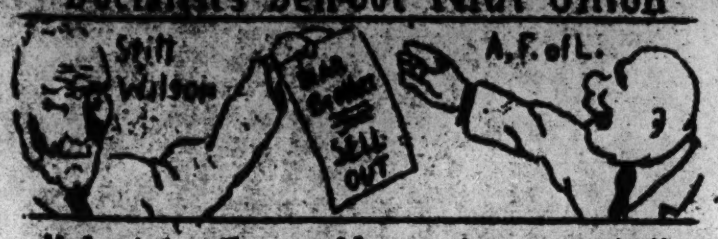
Socialists Sell-out NRA Union



Modesto: The small spontaneous strike in Hughston was called by workers in the NRA union, Socialist Party controlled union. An AFofL organizer came into the territory with a letter from Stitt Wilson, Socialist Party leader. This letter called on the workers to affiliate to the AFofL and pay the $1 initiation and 25¢ a month dues.

Labor Commissioner Crock, and NRA Creel and the AFofL Organizer failed to stop the strike, but it was lost because of the lack of militancy of Stitt Wilson. Out of 3000 signers for the NRA Union, only about 3 members are left.

LOCAL NEWS

Earlimart: 141 enrolled members. 26 in good standing.
Have had two relief demonstrations at the County Welfare depot and good success.

Farmersville: 97 members. 17 in good standing. A Relief Committee elected.

Delano: Mexican Consul still trying to divide the workers by starting a new outfit amongst the Mexicans. Some fakers have gotten into the ranks of the Filipino workers and started a new union.
We are going to try to get a united front with the workers in these other organizations to battle for relief and convince them that their whole organization should affiliate to us.

McFarland: The AFofL $10-a-day organizers are still trying to disrupt this Local and we sure are having a hard time to get agoing. Weare going to build it up, you bet, and are not giving up.

Gilroy: 5 paid up members. Local evicted from headquarters because union members did not agree with the landlord that Negro workers should be discriminated against. Local engaged in [illegible]

FIREBAUGH: Brand new Local, 134 members in good standing. Books up to date.

Some Good Reports - But-

The trouble is there aren't enough of them. If every Local had a CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE we'd get more and better reports. How about it?

Who is Filipino Labor Chamber

The Filipino Labor Chamber originated in Salinas. It is an organization with which all workers should be familiar with as it is spreading to other parts of the state.

The executive board in Salinas consist entirely of contracts. Among them is, forinstance P.M. Olivetta. He is famous for his cheating on the boys by not paying them wages. One time a committee of the C&AWIU forced him to pay over $700 which he owed to a group of workers.

This same Olivetta goes around talking about his "fellow countrymen", and also issued rubber checks (to a bank where he had no account for 3 years) to a number of boys.

Olivetta is only an example. The other contractors are generally not any better. He is an example of the "leader" of the Filipino Labor Chamber which keeps the workers divided.

A Salinas Comrade

Valley Prepares for Pea Crop

At a joint Union Conference on February 4th, the Sections of Oakland, San Jose, and Salinas met in San Jose to discuss the coming pea crop and make preparations to organize the workers.

15 delegates from the 3 sections adopted a plan of work which includes: setting up Locals in all possible towns and camps, and calling section conferences the last part of Feb. and a Central Conference first part of March.

The conferences are to be attended by union and non-union workers and workers in other organizations. These Conferences will set up PEA WAGE CONFERENCE COMMITTEES that will act as executive bodies.

John Reed Club "C&AWIU HELPERS"

We have here a letter from the John Reed Club in Carmel [illegible] at their first meeting, the class-conscious artists and writers in this club discussed ways and means of how they could really express their solidarity with the militant workers movement.

They have decided to "adopt" our Union and be "C&AWIU HELPERS". They write they will draw pictures for our bulletins, write stories, help raise relief in strikes and whatever else they can do.
We welcome our "HELPERS", and hope this will help build up friendship between the starving physical workers and the hungry brain workers.